

Inter 2000 Fall 2020

There were 64 students in the course which was taught by Janne Haaland Matlary, Ari Mamshae, both ISV, and Hulda Kjerag Mørk, IAKH. Both Ari and Hulda were new to the course. Sverke Saxegaard was the assistant for the course and Elisabeth Wille the student contact.

As usual, the course started with 3 lectures in negotiation theory and how to write a decision memo. Janne had two lectures and Ari had one, on his own experience as a civil servant in the Kurdish governing structures of Northern Syria. He related this empirical insight to the negotiation literature that he has worked on at Harvard.

Hulda could unfortunately not give a lecture due to many teaching obligations.

8 cases were taught in the usual manner; one week per case, 2 memos written by each student, as well as 2 commentaries on the work of others. This term we kept the cases that we have taught for a several years, but we decided that it is time to look at newer cases and perhaps less conflict/war centered ones, and also less US centered. I am in the process of looking up more cases, but there are few that meet these criteria, as they are developed by US universities, notably Georgetown U.

The feedback from students was positive on the case work and the course as such.